Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal Scheme, National Programme for education of girls at elementary level, Integrated Programme for Street Children and Juvenile Justice, Childline Services, National Child Labour Project Scheme, National Rural Health Mission, Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, Reproductive and Child Health Programme and others.

Children's residential institutions

1475. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of residential institutions for children are functioning in the country without licence or athorisations;

(b) whether the situation of mushrooming of large number of these institutions have been reviewed by Government recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of monitoring mechanism for. children homes and Government's efforts to ensure the children' right for acceptable standards of care?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No such information is available in the Ministry. Under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, State Governments/UT Administrations have been authorized to establish and maintain, either directly, or under an agreement with voluntary organisations, Children Homes in every district or a group of districts. In case of voluntary organisations, the concerned State Government/UT Administration certifies them as fit institution under the Act.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The children homes are run by the State Governments/Voluntary Organisations as per the norms provided in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Ant, 2000 and the Model Rules framed thereunder. The Children homes are monitored by the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and the Model Rules framed thereunder provide detailed monitoring systems including inspection and evaluation of these homes and standards to ensure rights of the children staying in these homes.